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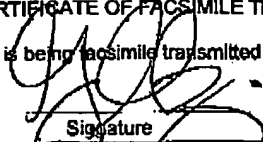
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RE: US Patent Application No. 10/723,483, filed 11/26/2003
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Response to Restriction Requirement attached.

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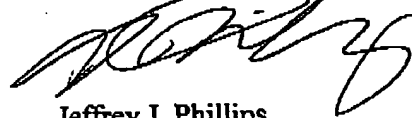
This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 23, 2005 for which the 1-month date for response was Friday, September 23, 2005. During a phone interview with Examiner Hong on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, Applicants' attorney requested a brief extension to file this response by facsimile on the same day without an extension fee in light of the evacuation of Houston, Texas (including the office of the undersigned attorney) due to Hurricane Rita. Examiner Hong indicated that he would permit this brief extension.

In an effort to move this case along, and in response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group I corresponding to claims 1-54 and 56-63, without traverse.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 713.787.1496 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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